

"We are aware of the issues brought up in this report and we have been sharing information about our difficulties to pass the federal surveys at Rainier School for months. Active treatment has been a challenge for Intermediate Care Facilities nationwide.

As the DRW report states, currently two of the facilities (called PATs) at Rainier are in good standing, and we have been transitioning residents from the third (PAT A) to other facilities since last fall. While looking at PATs statewide, we realized many residents in PAT A were not benefitting from active treatment and therefore not eligible for intermediate care.

The Department hired WestCare to assess Rainier's operations and to make recommendations for improving services. Following WestCare's assessment Rainier acted on their recommendations. Rainier's Plans of Correction were accepted by CMS and following subsequent survey, CMS recertified PAT E and PAT C.

The PAT A moves provide more choices for people to live closer to family, friends, and other support systems that help them reach their full potential.

DSHS reported this information back in [March](#) and [April](#)."